



Defer Elementary PTO
Tuesday December 12th, 2023
Defer Elementary School
7:00 PM

In Attendance: Lindsey Koczenasz, Brittany Swineford, Lisa Rheame, Jane Nugent, Kelly Warnick, Ashley Nosek, Erin Weakland, JJ DeRosier, Martin Steiger

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – JJ DeRosier : introductions and mission statement. Call to order at 7:02pm
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes** – Brittany Swineford- Lindsey motions to pass minutes and Kelly seconds. Motion passes.
3. **Treasurer's Report** –Stephen Justin and Tim Kolar- \$86K in bank account. \$42K planned for the rest of the year. \$15K so far in spending. Lindsey K would like to add line item for Staff Lounge, not sure if it will be line item or one time thing. Stephen not in attendance and we have several questions. Need to check on tech line item for staff support and Sips for Safety. Not going to pass budget at this time, will circle back in February.
4. **President's Report** – JJ DeRosier
We have had a ton of events. They are really well received.
 - a. PTO volunteer giveaways- volunteer names get put into a drawing and prizes given away
 - b. Book cart Thank you to Sammy Wittstock and Ash Koprin- book cart goes around school and students are able to take books. They can return or keep. No donations at this time, we have so many books!
 - c. Directory update- directory is done and LIVE!
5. **Vice President's Report** – Erin Weakland: Second PTO council meeting. Shared that we do the PTO volunteer giveaways and everyone loved that idea. Mason, Ferry and Monteith did skate night together so we think it is a good idea to invite Maire. Grosse Pointe Family Center has a lot of activities.
6. **Communications Report** – Lindsey Koczenasz: raffle for this month is theater tickets for Windmill Pointe theater. January VIP seats for concerts. Working with Chad at the park to make sure we aren't overlapping events. Spring Social will be May 16th.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Board of Education observer- Andrea Daniell: Superintendent down to final two
 - b. Scholastic Bookfair- Sophan Buffa Emily Smock: had about 10k in overall sales, \$1600 books donated to school in Detroit
 - c. Craft Fair- Cara Rossi: 257 crafts were sold prior to the event, almost sold out of all crafts. Break even event, not really to make money.
 - d. Great Skate Reminder: 2 more events planned, January and February
 - e. Lunchtime Enrichment- Nicole Luyk: 267 kids have currently signed up and are in their 1st or 2nd choice.
 - f. Game Night: Nicole Luyk: Still working on dates for March. Will be split into 2 different nights by grades.

8. **Teachers Report** – Jane Nugent: Kids are so excited about all the events. Leader Loot Cart well received by everyone. Gratitude all around.
9. **Principal's Report** – Lisa Rheaume: Thank you to all the volunteers. Book and Craft fair were awesome. January 11th young 5 and K night. Spring concert March 13th. 1 night concert, 6pm grades 1 and 2 and 7pm for grades 3 and 4. Look at Defer Newsletter for updates.
10. **Old Business**
- a. Teachers lounge update: took measurements and pictures. Lounge currently does not have water. No way to wash dishes. Working on survey for teachers to make sure the lounge has an impact.
 - b. Clothing: Spirit wear, student shirts and teacher shirts. Lindsey K received quotes from a new vendor. \$800 for incoming K. Will continue to explore options with new printer.
11. **New Business**
- Great Skate 12/11, 1/8, 2/15- Nicole Luyk
Game night- see above
There will be vacant PTO for next year- VP, Asst. Treasurer
Chromebooks- around 10k to purchase 30

12. Member Comment(s)

13. Adjournment: 8:05pm

Upcoming Meetings:

- **No meeting in January! Enjoy the break!**
- **Stay tuned for announcements on upcoming events via Smore news and our Defer PTO social channels.**
- **February 8, 2024 PTO meetings resume**